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SUBJECT: TEXT OF REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT AT RATHAUS
(BONN CITY HALL) AT 3.20 P.M. CET

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

QUOTE: DISTINGUISHED OFFICIALS AND
CITIZENS OF THE GREAT CITY OF BONN, THANK YOU FOR
YOUR WELCOME. (APPLAUSE)

BEFORE I CAME TO BONN, I WAS WARNED THAT THREE THINGS
MIGHT HAPPEN TO ME WHILE I WAS IN YOUR CITY, BUT THERE
HAS BEEN NO RAIN; AS YOU CAN SEE, I AM NOT IN THE
LEAST TIRED; AND NO MATTER WHERE I GO, THE RAILROAD
GATES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OPEN. (APPLAUSE)

INSTEAD, I HAVE SEEN A BEAUTIFUL CITY, A
GREEN AND A PLEASANT COMMUNITY WITH WHICH TO ADMIRE
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YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE.

KONRAD ADENAUER ALWAYS SAID HE CHOSE BONN AS CAPITAL,
TEMPORARY CAPITAL, OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC BECAUSE IN
ADDITION TO HIS LOVE FOR ROSES, HE KNEW DEMOCRACY
COULD REACH ITS FULLEST FLOWER IN THIS SERENE AND
GENTLE TOWN ALONG THE BANKS OF THE RHINE. (APPLAUSE)

DESPITE ALL THE CHANGES YOU HAVE UNDERGONE, YOU HAVE
KEPT THAT SERENITY AND CHARM.

WHEN I SIGNED YOUR GOLDEN BOOK A FEW MOMENTS AGO,
I WAS SURROUNDED BY REMINDERS OF YOUR HISTORY. AND
I AM HONORED, AS I STAND HERE, TO THINK OF THE
HISTORY THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE ON THESE VERY STEPS.

MANY DISTINGUISHED VISITORS HAVE SPOKEN HERE, AMONG
THEM PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE AND OUR OWN PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY. BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT ARE THOSE
WHO SPOKE TO YOU NOT AS VISITORS, BUT AS PRODUCTS OF
THE SOIL AND THE SOUL OF GERMANY. WHEN PROFESSOR
GOTTFRIED KINKEL PROCLAIMED THE IDEALS OF 1848 FROM
THESE STEPS, ONE OF HIS LISTENERS WAS A YOUNG MAN
DESTINED TO BE KNOWN EQUALLY WELL TO AMERICANS AND
TO GERMANS: CARL SCHURZ, THE GREAT GERMAN-AMERICAN
REFORMER.

A CENTURY LATER, WHEN PRESIDENT HEUSS SPOKE TO YOU
HERE ON THE NIGHT OF HIS ELECTION IN 1949, NOT MANY IN
HIS AUDIENCE REALIZED THEY WERE LIVING IN THE DAWN OF
AN ERA WHEN GERMANY AND AMERICA WOULD BECOME THE
CLOSEST OF PARTNERS IN A GLOBAL EFFORT TO SECURE
PEACE, FREEDOM AND STABILITY OF MANKIND. (APPLAUSE)
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BUT THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT HAS OCCURRED. TODAY, THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES SHARE VAST
RESPONSIBILITIES AND SIMILAR INTERESTS, AND BONN HAS
TAKEN ITS PLACE AS THE CAPITAL OF ONE OF OUR MOST
IMPORTANT ALLIES. OUR SECURITY IS YOUR SECURITY,
AND YOURS IS OURS. (APPLAUSE) THAT IS WHY THE
UNITED STATES IS INCREASING ITS COMMITMENT TO NATO
AND WILL HELP TO DEFEND YOUR LAND AS IF IT WERE OUR
OWN. (APPLAUSE)

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES ALSO SHARE
AN ATTITUDE AND A SENSE OF DUTY TOWARD EUROPE AND THE
WORLD. MANY YEARS AGO, CARL SCHURZ, WHO TOOK SO MUCH
OF HIS GUIDANCE FROM THIS CITY, SAID SOMETHING VERY
WISE TO US, HIS ADOPTED PEOPLE. "THE GENUINE
AMERICAN," HE SAID, "MUST BE A CREATIVE WORLD
CITIZEN."

TODAY BOTH AMERICANS AND GERMANS ARE CREATIVE

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WORLD CITIZENS, STRIVING TOGETHER TO HELP OTHER
REGIONS OF THE WORLD ACHIEVE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING
AND STABILITY.

AND, OF COURSE, OUR TWO NATIONS SHARE A FUNDAMENTAL
FAITH IN THE SAME VALUES -- THE VALUES OF FREEDOM,
OF HUMAN LIBERTY, AND THE CONVICTION THAT EACH PERSON
SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEVELOP ONE'S OWN LIFE FULLY AND
CREATIVELY, SECURE FROM FOREIGN OPPRESSION OR
DOMESTIC DISORDER. (APPLAUSE)

AT A TIME WHEN THE ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY SEEM DETERMINED
TO TEST US, WE ARE PREPARED TO MAINTAIN OUR STRENGTH
BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT DEMOCRACY IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE
MEANS OF SOLVING PROBLEMS AND MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR
PEOPLE. (APPLAUSE)

YOU, AS CITIZENS OF THE CAPITAL OF ONE GREAT DEMOCRATIC
NATION, AND I, AS A CITIZEN OF THE CAPITAL OF ANOTHER,
HAVE THIS FAITH IN COMMON.

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WE UNDERSTAND AND WE SHARE YOUR ASPIRATIONS AND YOUR
COMMITMENT FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF ALL GERMANY.
(APPLAUSE)

AS ALLIES, AS CITIZENS OF THE WORLD, AS BELIEVERS IN
FREEDOM AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, GERMANS AND AMERICANS
ALSO SHARE AN AWARENESS OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL
PEOPLE, EVERYWHERE.

AS I LOOK ABOUT THIS MARKTPLATZ TODAY, I AM
CONSCIOUS NOT ONLY OF ITS PURELY GERMAN HISTORY --
THIS GRACIOUS ROCOCO BUILDING BEHIND ME; THIS ONE TO
MY RIGHT, RESTORED FROM THE FOURTEENTH CENTURY; THE
GREAT UNIVERSITY TO MY LEFT; THE SPIRES OF THE CHURCH
ABOVE THE ROOFTOPS -- BUT I AM ALSO CONSCIOUS OF ITS
PRESENT REALITY: THE RESTAURANT FROM CHINA,
THE AMERICAN CAMERA STORE, THE SHOPS FILLED WITH PROD-
UCTS FROM FRANCE AND SCANDINAVIA AND SO MANY OTHER
NATIONS OF EUROPE AND THE WORLD. ALL OF THESE ARE
REMINDERS OF HOW CLOSELY LINKED HAVE BECOME THE
LIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR PLANET. (APPLAUSE)

FINALLY, LET ME SAY THAT THE POINT IS THAT OVER THE
PAST FEW GENERATIONS, RELATIONS AMONG US HAVE BECOME
THE PROVINCE NOT ONLY OF GOVERNMENTS BUT OF OUR PEOPLE
THEMSELVES. AS THE WORLD'S PEOPLE SPEAK AND WORK AND
LIVE TOGETHER, WE ALL COULD WELL REMEMBER THE POEM OF
SCHILLER, IMMORTALLY PUT TO MUSIC BY THE GREAT BEETHOVEN,
A SON OF BONN, THE ODE TO JOY:

ALLE MENSCHEN WERDEN BRUEDER
WO DEIN SANFTER FLUEGEL WEILT.
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("ALL MANKIND SHALL BE BROTHERS WHERE THY -ASTERISK-
GENTLE WINGS ABIDE.")

(ASTERISK- "THY" APOSTROPHIZING "JOY" OR
"FREEDOM" IN THIS POEM.)

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MY FRIENDS.
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